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BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCESBEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCESEx parte DAVID Y. SCHLOSSMAN and WILLIAM H. WELLING

Application No. 10/039,928

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 19, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

An Information Disclosure Statement by appellant was filed on August 14, 2002. There is no indication on the record, that this Information Disclosure Statement was considered by the Examiner.

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A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's receipt and consideration of the August 28, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement is required.

Accordingly, it is

Ordered that the application is returned to the Examiner for

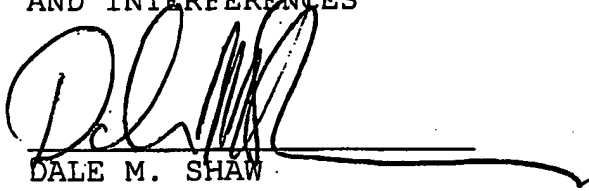
1) consideration of the August 14, 2002, Information Disclosure Statement;

2) communicate that consideration to the appellant via an official communication; and

3) for any further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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